AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A compound (A-1) or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 1]

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CI & H & H \\
N & N \\
O & R^1
\end{array}$$
(A-1)

wherein R¹ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl.

- 2. (Original) A compound or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or cyclopropyl.
- 3. (Original) A compound or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is cyclopropyl.
- 4. (Original) A process for preparing a compound (A-1) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 5]

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CI & H & H \\
N & R^1 \\
O & (A-1)
\end{array}$$

wherein R¹ has the same definition as above, characterized by reacting a compound (A-3) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 2]

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wherein Ar represents C_{6-10} aryl optionally having 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, methyl, methoxy and nitro, with a compound (A-4) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 3]

to afford a compound (A-2) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 4]

wherein Ar has the same definition as above, and then reacting the compound (A-2) with a compound represented by the formula R¹-NH₂, wherein R¹ has the same definition as above.

- 5. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or cyclopropyl.
 - 6. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein R¹ is cyclopropyl.
- 7. (Currently amended) A process according to any one of claims 4 to 6 claim 4, wherein Ar is phenyl.
- 8. (Original) A compound (A-2) or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 6]

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wherein Ar has the same definition as above.

- 9. (Original) A compound or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing according to claim 8, wherein Ar is phenyl.
- 10. (Original) A process for preparing a compound (C) or a salt thereof represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 9]

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CI & H & H \\
N & N & R^1
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^2 & & & \\
H_3CO & & N
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
(C) & & & \\
\end{array}$$

wherein R^1 and R^2 have the same definitions as above, characterized by reacting a compound (A-1) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 7]

wherein R¹ has the same definition as above, with a compound (B) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 8]

wherein R² represents hydrogen or methoxy, and L represents a leaving group.

- 11. (Original) A process according to claim 10, characterized by using a base.
- 12. (Original) A process according to claim 11, wherein the base is an alkali metal carbonate or an alkali metal alkoxide.
- 13. (Original) A process according to claim 11, wherein the base is cesium carbonate, potassium carbonate or potassium t-butoxide.
- 14. (Currently amended) A process according to any one of claims 10 to 13 claim 10, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or cyclopropyl.
- 15. (Currently amended) A process according to any one of claims 10 to 13 claim 10, wherein R¹ is cyclopropyl.
- 16. (Currently amended) A process according to any one of claims 10 to 15 claim 10, wherein R² is hydrogen.
- 17. (Currently amended) A process according to any one of claims 10 to 16 claim 10, wherein L is chlorine.